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FOR AMB PAUL C. WARNKE

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SUBJECT: MAY 12 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. WASHINGTON POST, IN MICHAEL GETLER DISPATCH FROM LONDON, REPORTED MAY 12 THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAD TOLD NATO MINISTERS THAT U.S. DELEGATION THAT WENT TO MOSCOW LAST MARCH TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR ARMS LIMITATIONS ALSO RAISED ISSUE OF CIVIL DEFENSE PLANNING WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS.

2. POST SAID REPORTED SOVIET PREPARATIONS FOR WARTIME CIVIL DEFENSE, INCLUDING EVACUATION OF CITIES AND STOCK-PILING OF FOODSTUFFS, COULD BE DESTABILIZING FACTOR IN CURRENT EAST-WEST BALANCE OF POWER. DISPATCH SAID THERE IS CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY WITHIN NATO ABOUT SIZE OF SOVIET CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAM, BUT NO DISPUTE THAT IT IS MUCH LARGER THAN ANY IN WEST, WHERE THERE ARE VIRTUALLY NO PROGRAMS.

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3. POST SAID U.S. HAS REQUESTED INCREASE IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET FOR CIVIL DEFENSE, "STEP SOME OFFICIALS FORESEE AS POSSIBLE BARGAINING CHIP TO TRY TO GET SOVIETS TO AGREE TO TREATY, SIMILAR TO ONE ON ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE, IN WHICH BOTH SIDES WOULD REFRAIN FROM DOING SOMETHING BOTH COSTLY AND POTENTIALLY UNNERVING."

4. NEW YORK TIMES, IN DISPATCH FROM LONDON, SAID NATO HAD EMBRACED PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING ALLIANCE. TIMES SAID THERE ALSO WAS APPEAL FOR "REALISTIC MEASURES" OF ARMS CONTROL.

5. DREW MIDDLETON, REPORTING ON NATO MEETING, SAID ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, AT PRESIDENT CARTER'S URGING, IS PREPARED TO BOLSTER FORCES, BUT PRICE COULD BE HIGH. IN HIS ANALYSIS, MIDDLETON SAID POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS PREDICTED THAT PROGRAM WOULD INVOLVE INTRODUCTION OF MORE PRECISION GUIDED WEAPONS, RELOCATION OF GROUND FORCES IN WEST GERMANY, AND EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN CIVIL DEFENSE AGAINST NUCLEAR ATTACK.

6. WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT HOUSE SCIENCE COMMITTEE VOTED 25 TO 12 AGAINST CUTTING OFF FUNDS AS PRESIDENT CARTER PROPOSED FOR DEMONSTRATION FAST BREEDER POWER PLANT AT CLINCH RIVER, TENNESSEE. COMMITTEE VOTED 38 TO ZERO TO KEEP FUNDS FOR PROJECT IN ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL SUBJECT TO FURTHER HEARINGS. CLINCH NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WOULD BE FUELED BY PLUTONIUM.

7. NEW YORK TIMES, IN A DISPATCH FROM BONN BY CRAIG R. WHITNEY, SAID WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT STILL IS COMMITTED TO DEVELOP PLUTONIUM-BASED BREEDER REACTORS, BUT HAS FROZEN \$51.7 MILLION IN FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT "UNTIL SKEPTICS IN PARLIAMENT CAN BE CONVINCED THAT THIS AVENUE TO NUCLEAR POWER IS NEITHER COSTLY NOR DANGEROUS."  
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8. CONGRESSMAN THOMAS J. DOWNEY OF NEW YORK, IN LETTER TO WALL STREET JOURNAL, COMMENTED ON ITS APRIL 25 EDITORIAL ON ACDA OPERATIONS. THE JOURNAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CRITICIZED ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE FOR DISTRIBUTING VERIFICATION EXPERTS AMONG VARIOUS SUBSTANTIVE BUREAUS. CONGRESSMAN DOWNEY ASSERTED: "TO FIND THIS NIT TO PICK YOU MUST HAVE

STOOD ON YOUR HEAD TO REACH VERY BOTTOM OF BARREL. VERIFICATION IS AS ESSENTIAL TO A WORKABLE ARMS CONTROL TREATY AS WHEELS ARE TO AN AUTOMOBILE. MR. WARNKE WOULD NOT SIGN, SENATE WOULD NOT RATIFY AND I MYSELF CERTAINLY WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY ARMS CONTROL PROPOSAL WHICH LACKED ADEQUATE VERIFICATION. MR. WARNKE FEELS HE CAN GET MORE EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION BY BRINGING VERIFIERS CLOSER TO SYSTEMS TO BE VERIFIED. THIS IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION FOR HIM TO MAKE; WE BYSTANDERS CAN JUDGE HIS WISDOM BY HIS RESULTS."

9. IN A LETTER PUBLISHED MAY 10 IN WASHINGTON STAR,

CONGRESSMAN DOWNEY DECLARED: "LET US DEFINE OUR TERMS. I SUGGEST IT IS MOST VALID TO DESCRIBE AS AN 'ARMS CONTROL HARD-LINER' SOMEONE WHO INSISTS PURPOSE OF ARMS CONTROL IS TO CONTROL ARMS. IN CONTRAST, A 'SOFT-LINER' IS SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT SUPPORT TOUGH ARMS CONTROL, WHO BELIEVES AN ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT SHOULD MERELY RATIFY WHAT WE HAD PLANNED TO DO IN ANY CASE.... I HAVE NOT DISCUSSED PERSONNEL MATTERS WITH ACDA DIRECTOR PAUL WARNKE, AND I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE IS, IN FACT, SEEKING TO REPLACE ARMS CONTROL SOFT-LINERS WITH ARMS CONTROL HARD-LINERS. I DO KNOW THAT IF HE ISN'T, HE SHOULD."

10. WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, USING \$4 MILLION FORD FOUNDATION GRANT, PLANS TO ESTABLISH CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AS FIRST OF SIX MAJOR RESEARCH CENTERS IN JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT. BIOCHEMIST PAUL M. DOTY WILL DIRECT CENTER, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH WILL STUDY ARMS CONTROL. DOTY IS PIONEER IN CONTROL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. CHRISTOPHER

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